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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

APRIL 24, 2022

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

**The Congregation will speak aloud the bold print in responsive readings.
* Please rise in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

*Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.
In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME David Rich

PRELUDE *Cantus Invenilis (Youthful Song)* Valerie W. Stephenson
Youth Ringers

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jaydin Arnold
God invites you,
Us, who see and do not see.
Christ invites you,
Us, who believe and do not yet believe.
The Holy Spirit invites you,
Us, who are hurting and healing.
Come let us worship.

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** Braylin Arnold
We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us,
not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.
Confident in God's love for us, we confess our sins together.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Eren Ibis
No matter who we are or what we do, God still loves us.
We know it can be hard to love one another
Because of our backgrounds and circumstances.
We struggle with many barriers that keep us from loving one another,
Such as technology, social media, unhealthy relationships and more.
Help us God, to resist common barriers we create
By isolating ourselves with the temptations this imperfect world can offer.
(Silent confession)

* **ENERGIZER (11:00)** Cade Johnson, Amelia Ross, Meredith Rich

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Beckett Wright

* **HYMN NO. 481** *I Believe in God the Father* GENEVAN 42

**I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
maker of the earth and heavens, who we worship and adore;
and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed Virgin.**

**Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.
From the grace he did arise; he ascended through the skies;
now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.**

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

- * **PASSING OF THE PEACE** (*RESPONSIVE*) Caroline Hankins
Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid."
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

ANTHEM	<i>O Come to the Altar</i> Alex Holder, soprano	Elevation Worship
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>ACTS 5:27-32</i>	NT, P. 123 Charlie Henry
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		Cade Johnson
SERMON	<i>Good News! Now What?</i>	Alex Holder
SERMON	<i>In a Noisy World, Who Do We Listen To?</i>	Cade Johnson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.

- * **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Alex Holder
- * **HYMN NO. 39** FAITHFULNESS
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS AND PRESENTATION OF SHAWLS (11:00)

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOMING (RESPONSIVE)

These young people, by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism.

Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the Church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him. The peace of Christ be with you.

The peace of Christ be with us all.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amelia Ross

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Lena Nelson

OFFERTORY

Sarabande

G. Near

* **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Eren Ibis

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

* **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP (8:30)**

* **HYMN NO. 634**

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

* **BENEDICTION**

Evan Eifling

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D major

M. Lanquetuit

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Second Presbyterian Youth

Ruth Amensen, Transitional Youth Director

Jeannie Ford, Church Educator

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts Ministry

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts Ministry

Adam Savacool, Organist

Mission Co-Worker, Dori Hjalmarson (Honduras)

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Marge Anna Luttrell

Ushers: (8:30) Chris McDaniel, Don and Libby McDaniel

For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the
Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND INCLUSIVENESS

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

DID YOU MISS ONE OF THE SERMONS? If so, you can listen to recent sermons on the church website at secondpreslr.org. Click on "Worship and Music," then click on "Listen to Recent Sermons." To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze, karinhowze@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000. Printed copies are available in the Narthex and the church office.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and your commitment to Christ's work in the world. Contributions can be made to the 2022 Annual Budget, Second Vision Capital Campaign, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund. You may support the ministries of our church by placing your offering in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary, through online giving at secondpreslr.org/giving or mailing a check to the church office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: In-person and virtual Sunday School classes start at 9:50 a.m. Contact Grant Wright (grantwright@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY: Today we send John Landis and Nadia Lalla off with God's blessing and our best wishes as they move to Birmingham, Michigan.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY TODAY: The following eighth graders will be confirmed today during the 11:00 a.m. service (each confirmand's mentor is listed in parenthesis): Catherine Brown (Beth Sigler), Will Brown (Bill Woodyard), Eli Eifling (Mary Ibis), Windsor Henry (Mary Ibis), Elliott Johnson (Barrett Feltus), Lena Nelson (Alan Diekman), Thomas Priebe (Cotten Cunningham), Ezra Voth (Justin Villines), Becket Wright (Woody Jolley). William Adams Brown and William Elliott Johnson will be presented for Baptism as part of the Rite of Confirmation. We celebrate this step in the journeys of faith of these young people. Please keep these youth and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ in our community of faith.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING HAYRIDE: *Saturday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.*
The church is invited to come enjoy fun and friends in a beautiful setting! Join us at the Farm of Dr. Rudy Jolley for a hayride, and hot dogs and s'mores over the bonfire. Bring your own fishing pole to fish the pond and a folding chair. 14300 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock.

THE FULL SECOND PRESBYTERIAN ADULT CHOIR is very excited to be part of Eastertide, in the loft, for the first time since Christmas Eve, 2021, and in a regular church service in more than two years. We look forward to participating in many services in the upcoming weeks and months.

LIVESTREAM TECHNICIANS NEEDED: Would you like to be a part of the weekly ministry delivering our 11:00 worship service to our at home friends? Would you mind sitting at a computer and clicking a button every once in a while during the service? Then do I have an opportunity for you. We're in need of a few more folks for our "stream team." The process is as simple as clicking start at the beginning of the service, clicking the down arrow as we move through the service to move to different scenes, and then clicking 2 buttons at the end of the service. If you're interested stop by and chat with one of us at the back of the sanctuary, we'd be glad to show you how easy it is. Contact Sam Byrd (sbyrd@thebyrdnest.net) for details.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: APRIL 24-MAY 22
SUNDAY AT 9:50 A.M.
IN SECOND HALL AND ON ZOOM

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say
By Adam Hamilton

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

April 24	<i>Everything happens for a reason.</i>	Randy Bear
May 1	<i>God helps those who help themselves.</i>	Beth Sigler
May 8	<i>God won't give you more than you can handle.</i>	Chuck Chappell
May 22	<i>God said it, I believe it, that settles it.</i>	Vernon Markham
	<i>Love the sinner, hate the sin.</i>	

Contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) or see the Sunday morning Second Connections email each Sunday morning for Zoom information.

SAVE THE DATE: May 15—Sunday morning worship and an all-church lunch for a *Festival of Friends* as Jeannie Ford retires after thirty years of Christian Education ministry. Further information and lunch reservation information will be coming soon.

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A SERVICE OF HEALING AND REFLECTION

To Acknowledge the Lasting Pain of the Pandemic: Wednesday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement has asked faith communities to hold a special service on April 27 as we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Second Church will participate with a 30 minute service in the chapel.

As ACHI notes, "it is important to pause and reflect on the impact and loss we have all experienced." Most of us have known someone who has been ill or even died during this pandemic. All of our lives have been disrupted. Please join us for this service of music, meditation and prayer. You are invited to bring the names of those for whom you requests special prayer.

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND REFLECTION

"To acknowledge the lasting pain from the pandemic and show those who are grieving that they are not alone."

April 27 | 6:00 p.m.



THE SECOND CONNECTIONS EMAIL is sent to the congregation on Sunday mornings; it contains special announcements as well as Sunday School, Bible study, special classes and studies, meetings and other information, including Zoom links. If you would like to receive this email or have any other questions about church wide communication information, please contact Carrie Johnson at carriejohnson@secondpreslr.org.

LITTLE ROCK WINDS presents "The Classics" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28th in the sanctuary with a program that returns to the wind band's beginning with several favorite orchestral transcriptions, including a couple of real barnburners and our new pipe organ. With trombone soloist Sean Reed. Israel Getzov conducts. Tickets available at lrwinds.org/tickets.

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT: Our Afghan families could use your help! We would like to give our sponsored family's school aged children the opportunity to expand their English reading, speaking, and math skills over the summer. If you would like to spend a couple of hours a week this summer with some really great kids who love to learn, please contact Lindy Vogado at lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs and spares adult group, for those between 'young adult' and retirement. Normally, we meet twice per month, on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings New friends are always welcome! Our next meeting will be on April 27 (Wednesday). We will gather at 5 Berwyn Drive at 7:00 p.m., for fellowship and a time of study.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration for our "God's Big Garden" environmentalism-focused VBS is open now! VBS is from June 13-17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with before and aftercare options. Register online via the QR code found on the tables in the back of the sanctuary, or contact grantwright@secondpreslr.org. Youth and adult volunteers always needed!

ITTY BITTY PLAYDATE: Families with Young Children Ministry invites everyone to get their littlest ones together and give parents a chance to mingle during the Sunday School hour! This Play Date is for babies and kids up to 4 years old and their parent/caregiver. This will be outdoors on the Church playground, and in the Great Hall if it rains. Contact Dania Edwards with questions daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org

FWYC SUNDAY DINNERS: *Sundays through May 2022, 4:00-6:00 p.m.* We realize over the past 2 years it has been hard to keep connected with one another at the church. With so much recent change and the pandemic, we feel it is very important to keep our church family relationships alive and well. We're calling it "Sunday Dinner." **MAY schedule: May 1: Church, May 8: Mother's Day (skip), May 15 and 22: McCormacks and May 29: Memorial Day (skip).** Just attend when you can/want to, or even every week if you want! If you have a Youth, they will be carpooled down to church for SPY meetings if they're participating. Main dish provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Dania (daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org) with questions or to ask what's for dinner!

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY: "Mid-Week Sabbath" Need a moment of rest? Parents may join us Wednesday evenings March 2 - May 4 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Church Library for casual fellowship. No expectations, no preparation, just come and "be". March 2 we will do a "book swap" - bring your favorite children's or adult's books to lend, borrow or barter! We will not meet the week of Spring Break. **FWYC Family Retreat** Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We're getting ready for our Family Retreat and we're hoping you'll join us this year for a day of faith, family, fun and fellowship! We'll spend a day together at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center (1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock, AR 72223) and enjoy some time in nature, service projects, and plenty of free time built in! Lunch provided. Visit <https://forms.gle/pua8LocKJyjeAkbf8> to register. Contact Dania Edwards at daniedwards@secondpreslr.org for any questions or concerns.

USHER/GREETER VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED: Those who serve as ushers and greeters for our worship service are providing a ministry of hospitality for members and visitors to our church. Along with providing an important leadership role for worship, those who serve as ushers and greeters are also afforded a wonderful opportunity to meet and work alongside other members of the congregation. You may contact the following deacons who serve as usher captains to volunteer as ushers or greeters.

MAY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Justin Villines
Ann Norwood

9:00 A.M.

Tracy Sykes

11:00 A.M.

Melissa Hendricks
Marsha Taylor



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

*And we know that in all things God works for the
good of those who love him.*

— Romans 8:28a

Second Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We provide confidential Christian caregiving to hurting people. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call Associate Pastor Alisa Secrest at (501) 227-0000. Pastor Alisa will work with you to decide if Stephen Ministry will be a good fit for you and your unique situation.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Youth and Confirmation Sunday

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

*FWYC Dinner 4:00

Officer Training 4:00

Youth Ringers 4:30

Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Day Ringers 11:30

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Staff Meeting 9:00

Children's Choir 6:00

*Service of Reflection and Healing
6:00

9 o'clock Music Rehearsal 6:00

*Mid-Week Sabbath 6:00

9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Praeclara Ringers 5:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

SPY Kids Gathering 5:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Youth Sunday Rehearsal 10:00

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

*FWYC Dinner 4:00

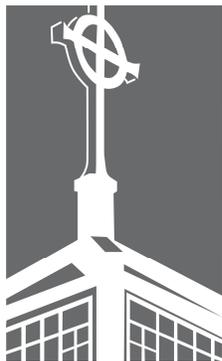
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Evening Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

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Joseph Yancey
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YOUTH ELDER

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Tracy Sykes
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Linda Van Hook

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Diane Holt
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Katie King
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Marsha Taylor

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David Rich